

CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1 – 6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A method of playing a card game, involving a dealer and at least one player, comprising the steps of:

- a) providing more than one pack of cards;
- b) providing a list of ranking game combinations corresponding to a use of said packs of cards;
- c) determining by said at least one player whether to rate that a combination of said at least one player's cards will beat a combination of dealer's cards and placing a first stake based on said determining;
- d) distributing by the dealer to each player who has placed the first stake, five cards from said more than one pack of cards, all face upwards and one card face upwards to the dealer;
- e) making a decision by each of said player who has placed the first stake, based on the combination of said player's cards, whether to forfeit said stake or to continue the game by placing a second stake;
- f) taking by the dealer four more cards face upwards and determining whether the dealer has a necessary combination of cards that equals or exceeds a minimum predetermined rank for the continuation of game; wherein while making a decision to continue the game and before making the second stake, placing by the at least one player a stake "insurance" that the dealer having a combination of cards lower than the necessary minimum combination for continuation of the game, wherein
- g) if the dealer fails to have the necessary combination of cards, the dealer paying the first stake and completing the cycle of the game, wherein if the dealer does not have the minimum game combination, the dealer paying the first stake and the stake "insurance" at a predetermined rate and completing the cycle of the game; and if the dealer has said minimum game combination, collecting the stake "insurance" by the dealer and continuing the game by

comparing each player's combination of cards with the dealer's based on said list of ranking combinations of cards; and

h) if the dealer does have the necessary combination of cards for the continuation of the game, the dealer comparing each player's combination of cards with the dealer's, based on said list of ranking game combinations; wherein if the game combination of the dealer is higher than that of the player, the dealer wins and collects the first stake and the second stake, if the game combination of the player is higher than that of the dealer the player wins and the dealer pays the first stake at a predetermined fixed rate, and the second stake is paid according to the preset scale of payments for the ranking list of game combinations and the cycle of the game is completed.

Claim 8 (Cancelled)